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	United States of America	Mr. DeLaurentis

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Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste (S/2012/43)

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The meeting was called to order at 10.15 a.m.

Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted.

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The President (*spoke in French*): In accordance with rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure, I invite the representatives of Australia, Brazil, Japan and New Zealand to participate in this meeting.

The Security Council will now begin its consideration of the item on its agenda.

Members of the Council have before them document S/2012/106, which contains the text of a draft resolution submitted by Australia, Brazil, France, Germany, Guatemala, Japan, Malaysia, New Zealand, Portugal, South Africa, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America.

I wish to draw the attention of Council members to document S/2012/43, which contains the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste.

It is my understanding that the Council is ready to proceed to the vote on the draft resolution before it. I shall put the draft resolution to the vote now.

In favour:

Azerbaijan, China, Colombia, France, Germany, Guatemala, India, Morocco, Pakistan, Portugal, Russian Federation, South Africa, Togo, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America

The President (*spoke in French*): There were 15 votes in favour. The draft resolution has been adopted unanimously as resolution 2037 (2012).

I shall now give the floor to those members of the Council who wish to make statements after the voting.

Sir Mark Lyall Grant (United Kingdom): The United Kingdom is pleased to have co-sponsored resolution 2037 (2012). As we made clear in our statement to the Council yesterday, we commend the development of the Joint Transition Plan by the Government of Timor-Leste and the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste (UNMIT) and believe that it can set a standard for future peacekeeping to peacebuilding transitions.

We encourage the United Nations and host States to work together to produce comprehensive, detailed plans for safeguarding the future stability of a country supported by the Security Council.

We are confident that the United Nations and the Government of Timor-Leste will continue the cooperation they enjoyed in the development of the Joint Transition Plan to present a clear proposal for the shape, concept and objectives of the post-UNMIT United Nations presence.

This is a landmark opportunity for the Security Council to reshape the United Nations presence in a way that can support Timorese efforts to sustain the peace and to tackle Timor-Leste's longer-term peacebuilding challenges. We are committed to ensuring that the views of the Timorese Government and people are taken into account during this period of transition.

At the same time, we are clear that nothing in paragraph 21 of this resolution can be read as limiting or qualifying the role or decision-making authority of the Council in determining the mandate and configuration of United Nations missions.

The President (*spoke in French*): The Council has thus concluded the present stage of its consideration of the item on its agenda.

The meeting rose at 10.25 a.m.